APPENDIX I:

THE LISTING OF CLAIMS:

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- 2. (canceled)
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- 6. (previously presented) A process for the preparation of a pyrimidine of formula I

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in which

- R¹ represents C_1 - C_{10} -alkyl, C_1 - C_{10} -haloalkyl, C_2 - C_6 -alkenyl, C_2 - C_6 -alkynyl, C_4 - C_8 -alkadienyl, C_1 - C_{10} -alkoxy, C_3 - C_8 -cycloalkyl, phenyl, tri- C_1 - C_6 -alkyl-silyl, formyl or C_1 - C_{10} -alkoxy-carbonyl, wherein R¹ groups are unsubstituted or substituted by one to three groups R^a;
 - Ra is halogen, nitro, cyano, hydroxy, or

is C_1-C_{10} -alkyl, C_3-C_6 -cycloalkyl, C_3-C_6 -cycloalkenyl, C_1-C_{10} -haloalkyl, C_3-C_6 -halocycloalkyl, C_1-C_{10} -alkoxy, C_1-C_{10} -haloalkoxy, C_1-C_{10} -alkoxycarbonyl, $tri-C_1-C_4$ -alkylsilyl, phenyl, halo- or dihalophenyl;

- R^2 represents phenyl or C_3-C_6 -cycloalkyl, which are unsubstituted or substituted by one to three groups R^a ;
- R³ represents hydrogen, halogen, or is C_1 - C_{10} -alkyl, C_1 - C_{10} -alkoxy, C_1 - C_{10} -alkylthio, C_1 - C_{10} -alkylamino or di- C_1 - C_{10} -alkylamino, which are unsubstituted or substituted by one to three groups R^a ;
- R^4 represents C_1-C_{10} -alkyl, C_2-C_6 -alkenyl or C_2-C_6 -alkynyl, which are unsubstituted or substituted by one to three groups R^a ; and

- X represents O, S, NR^5 or a single bond, wherein R^5 represents hydrogen, C_1-C_{10} -alkyl or C_1-C_{10} -haloalkyl; or
- R^1 and R^5 together with the interjacent nitrogen atom form a heterocyclic ring selected from the group consisting of pyrrolidine, piperidine, tetrahydropyridine and azepane, which ring is optionally substituted by one or more C_1 - C_{10} -alkyl groups,

which process comprises treating a compound of formula II

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with a base and an alkylation agent of formula III

R⁴–Y III

in which Y represents a halogen atom.

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- 20. (previously presented) The process of claim 6, in which R² of formulae I and II represents a phenyl group of formula

wherein L^1 through L^4 each independently represent hydrogen, fluorine, chlorine or methoxy.

- 21. (previously presented) The process of claim 6, in which X of formulae I and II represents NR⁵.
- 22. (previously presented) The process of claim 6, in which ${\bf R}^3$ of formulae I and II represents chlorine.
- 23. (previously presented) The process of claim 6, in which R^4 of formulae I and III represents C_1-C_6 -alkyl or benzyl.